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Inventor(s): Peter W. Austin et al.

Confirmation No.:

Application No.: 09/717,555

Examiner: Chang, Yean Hsi

Filing Date: 11/21/2000

Group Art Unit: 2835

Title: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING HARD DRIVE LATCHING MECHANISM

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

*NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

( ) Previously submitted:

( ) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

( ) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

(X) Enclosed:

(X) Amendment/Reply

( ) Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

( ) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

(X) Other Postcards (2); Transmittal Letter for Response.

Miscellaneous

( ) Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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(X) RCE filing fee \$790.00

( ) A Petition for Extension of Time

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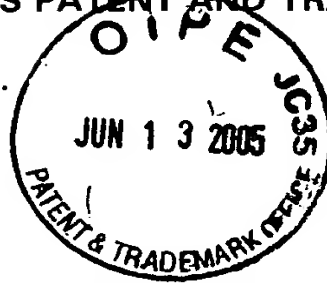
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
(X) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
( ) No additional fee  
(X) Other: Postcards (2); Request for Continued Examination (fee \$                     )

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Christina Hartline

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION; AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 9, 2005**

Dear Sir:

Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination to further prosecute the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, this communication addresses the arguments advanced by the Examiner in the Final Office Action mailed March 9, 2005. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-identified application in the light of the following amendments and remarks.

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